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SUBJ: SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS PROJECT (AKA PEACE SCEPTER
III OR PEACE SWITCH)

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1. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY PARA 4, REF (A), WE BELIEVE THAT
MOST GOI OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH THIS PROJECT WOULD
LIKE ASSURANCE THAT COULD COME FROM USG MANAGEMENT ROLE.
WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED PROJECT WITH QOTBI, BUT ASSUME THAT
HE, LIKE OTHERS, SEES LITTLE CHANCE OF USG AGREEMENT TO
BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY DIRECT MANNER. NEXT BEST SOLUTION
FOR GOI MIGHT APPEAR "PUBLIC SERVICE" TYPE CORPORATIONS,
HENCE INTEREST IN COMSAT GENERAL AND AT&T.

2. WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH MALEK ABHARI'S INVITATION TO
AT&T. A HAPPY OUTCOME TO OUR MONTHS OF INACTION ON THIS
PROJECT MIGHT BE IRANIAN SELECTION OF COMSAT GENERAL FOR
ASSISTANCE TO QOTBI ON SATELLITE SEGMENT AND AT&T FOR AID TO MALEK
ABHARI ON COMMUNICATIONS PORTION. IF USAF BRIEFING
OCCURS AS NOW SCHEDULED IN MARCH, WE SHOULD THEN BE IN A
POSITION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS DEEMED NECESSARY,
FOR ANY FURTHER APPROACHES TO GOI ON THIS PROJECT.

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